

ABSTRACT

An information recording medium (100) comprising a data area (108) for recording data; spare areas (109,110) for recording saved data which otherwise should be recorded in a place where a defect exists in the data area or which was recorded in that place; and temporal defect management areas (104,105) for temporarily storing defect management information (120) including at least the address of that place and the address of the place where the saved data are recorded. The address of the place where the saved data are recorded can be determined by use of a first offset address referenced to a predetermined point in the spare areas.